



consent of the nation. It is true he was continually forward by the public claims, excited by the writings and actions of the Patriots, who were able to keep up the agitation at the exact point which borders on revolt without entering it. They had taken into their various Parliaments also, who were led, by very singular circumstances to espouse, for the first time the rights of the nation, from old causes had personal hostility against M. de (They refused to register his laws or his taxes, and we as to acknowledge they had no power to do it. They in this with his successor, who therefore exiled them, that the nation did not interest themselves much for then they began to fear that the new judicature proposed place would be established and that their own suppression be perpetual. In short, they found their own strength sufficient to oppose that of the King. They therefore insisted the States General should be called. Here they began with and supported by the Patriots, and their joint was sufficient to produce the promise of that assembly, suspected that the archbishops had no objections to it under which they laid him. But the Patriots and Parliament insisted it was their efforts which extorted the promise his will. The re-establishment of the Parliament was one of the same coalition between the Patriots and Parliament once re-established, the latter began to see danger in power, the States General, which they had called moment of despair, but which they now foresaw might possibly abridge their power. They began to prepare for questioning their legality, as a sword over the head of the king and as a refuge if they should really extend their refusal to them. Mr. Neckar came in at this period and very seriously disembarrassed the administration of their disallowing the Notables to advise the form of calling an meeting the States. The court was well disposed to the people, not from principles of justice or love to them they want money. No more can be had from the people are

squeezed to the last drop*. The clergy and nobles,